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TWO CENTS.

FLOODS CREEP UP

River Is Rising at the Rate of out of this city is delayed because of high water. a Foot an Hour.

DANGER POINT AT 12 TODAY

Many Ice Gorges Threaten to Break worst food in years prevails at South at Any Moment.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE DONE

Rain Is Still Falling on the Watershed of the Allegheny-Freshet Stage at Points Up Stream.

a stage of nineteen feet at 9 o'clock this morning and rising at the rate of a foot an hour the Allegheny, Monongahela, Ohio, Youghiogheny and Kiskiminetas rivers are slowly spreading over the lowlands of Pittsburg and western Pennsylvania points today.

The danger mark of twenty-two feet will be reached by noon, and the local United States weather bureau predicts a stage of thirty feet by nightfall. Rain

The damage to river craft and property enormous. Then came intensely cold located near the rivers is already heavy. weather which formed thick ice in Large ice gorges in the Allegheny and Buffalo river. There has been mild and demolishing craft in its path. Some the upper reaches of Buffalo river. alarm is also felt for a number of bridges. Ohio Is Warned.

Ohio, a serious flood is expected to occur. has had no perceptible influence on the but not before Sunday night. Word from flood. Steubenville today says that a stage of day morning or sooner.

the ground floor of business houses and dwellings. People are busily engaged in moving their effects to a place of safety. Several street car lines will be compelled to abandon service in this city, owing to the water covering the tracks.

All the small streams in towns surrounding Pittsburg are beyond their banks. and the water is rapidly rising. Thousands of families at Sharpsburg, Etna. Aspinwall, Charleroi, Oakdale, McKees Rocks and numerous other places, have last evening, and by midnight all trolley been compelled to remove their household traffic throughout the south Buffalo floodgoods to the upper floors. In some of the ed district was at a standstill. towns skiffs are being used as a means of transportation to many homes.

Floods Upstream. The towboat Robert Taylor, which was

wrecked last night at Coroapolis, is entirely submerged today, and will be a total loss. The rainfall is especially heavy at the

headwaters of the Allegheny river. Colder year's great flood will not be reached. particularly in certain parts of the Gene-The stage at this city, however, it is pre- see valley. dicted, will bring the water up on Penn avenue in the downtown dis-This will be sufficient to cripple several theaters and cause a suspension in many stores and manufacturing plants. Flood stages are reported from all points above here. At Franklin, Pa., the water is seven feet above the danger mark this morning, and rising. A similar situation prevails at Johnstown, Freeport. Warren, Greensboro' and other places.

The Allegheny river is filled with floatlong, is slowly approaching the city from Parker, Pa., on the Allegheny river, and another from West Newton, Pa., on the Youghiogheny river.

Steel Mills Must Close.

Conditions here and in the surrounding territory are rapidly becoming serious. Thousands of families have been compelled to move to the second floor of their homes; trolley lines in some sections are left at 11:58. out of commission, several railroad lines have been abandoned in part; cellars are filed with water; pavements in the lower portion of the city have collapsed; several towboats and barges have sunk; tele. graph communication interrupted; thousands of men thrown out of employment in the mines and manufacturing plants along the river banks, and at Springdale, near here, two valuable government dams in danger of demolition from heavy ice gorges.

pected that a majority of the steel and fron mills will be forced to suspend opera-

The men have only recently resumed work after weeks of idleness, and a great hardship to many families will result. At points below Pittsburg the flood is gradually getting worse, and a stage of from forty to forty-three feet of water is predicted for Steubenville, Ohio, by

Springfield Is Flooded.

Special Dispatch to The Star. SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, February 15 .-Eighteen houses in the lower district are

The flood is the worst in many years, roads are next to impassable The work of relieving the families started at 2 o'clock this morning, when boats were used. The police and citizens are at work taking out people from the second Student Husband Missing With His stories of their homes or delivering food to them. No street cars are running, the power house being flooded. Traffic on the Special Dispatch to The Star. Ohio electric road between Springfield and PHILADELPHIA, February 15.-Frank ports have come from these places. At Dayton is suspended. No trains are operated on the Sandusky division of the Big Four and Detroit. Toledo and Ironton be-

cause of washouts. Schuylkill Overflows.

READING, Pa., February 15 .- As a result of heavy rains throughout the Schuylkill valley during the last twenty-four hours and the melting snow the Schuylkill river today is overflowing its banks at many places. North of here the water is running over the lowlands. In that section some of the residents moved out of current expenses. their homes and others are preparing to vacate. The ice is breaking up, and trouble is feared if any ice gorges are formed. The tributaries of the Schuylkill are already bankful.

Fields Are Inundated.

LIMA, Ohio, February 15 .- Both Ottawa morning he went away." and Auglaige rivers are out of their banks in this city, and families in the lowlands are moving to second stories.

delayed as a result of the high water.

Kentucky Wet Once More. days' rain, and great damage is feared by week.

lumber concerns along the Kentucky, the Red, Cumberland, Licking and Big Sandy rivers. River men have extra forces of men at work strengthening log booms to hold the thousands of logs which will sweep down upon them. This rush has already begun. Several towns in the lowlands along the Licking river are reported in danger of being entered by water. Much fencing in the lowlands has already been carried away. Traffic on railroads and interurban lines running

Worst Condition of Affairs in Many

FLOODS IN BUFFALO.

Special Dispatch to The Star. BUFFALO, N. Y., February 15 .- The Buffalo today. Thousands of acres of land, much of it residence property, is buried under the water and hundreds of citizens are being taken to dry places in rowboats which are rowed along the leave their homes because they have no other refuge are trying to keep a room or two warm with lamps and oil stoves. Al PITTSBURG, Pa., February 15.-With furnace fires in the flooded district were

put out early last night, the cellars, of course, being flooded with water. It is believed that much sickness will follow the flood, particularly among the small children, by reason of the exposure to which they have been subjected and the Forced to Use Dynamite.

Youghiogheny rivers, above this city, are weather with much rain the past few momentarily expected to break, wrecking days in Buffalo and in the country along All this combined to produce the flood The ice in the river became jammed and formed a natural dam. Efforts are now dam with dynamite, but as yet this work

The flood is due to several causes. The

Certain portions of north Buffalo along forty feet will be reached there by Mon- the course of the Scajaquada creek are also flooded. In some places the water in this stream has risen fourteen feet At some points the water has risen to and remains practically stationary. Thousands of manufacturing plants throughout the south and north Buffalo districts have been obilged to shut down and untold damage is being done by the waters.

> Snow Plows Were Stalled. Pavements are being torn up, fences swept away and sidewalks displaced. Everything that could noat and that was not anchored has been swept away. The flood conditions began to develop

Efforts were made to run giant snow plows through the district, but even these were put out of commission before ONLY FOUR HOUSES REMAIN

So far there have been no casualties. Some live stock has been destroyed and Town Scattered Over Four Miles of few outhouses and barns have been torn away, but the dwelling houses will be able to withstand the flood. Brief dispatches from various parts of weather is expected tonight, and, should western New York are to the effect that it occur, it is thought the record of last similar flood conditions prevail there also,

AMERICAN CAR LEADS

PROGRESS OF THE GLOBE-GIRD-LING AUTOMOBILE RACE.

AUBURN, N. Y., February 15 .- The ing ice and a large gorge, several miles three leading cars in the New York to this village today. The remainder of the all in their power to secure the elimina-Paris race passed through this city this structures were glown down and many of afternoon. The American car was the them swept outside of the town by yesfirst to arrive, at 10:40 o'clock. The machinery was clogged, and the car was Windham and his wife, are dead, and thoroughly overhauled and a new tire Edward Campbell, white, is probably was put on a front wheel. The start was made at 11:30.

> The Italian car arrived at 11:40, and after taking in a supply of gasoline it The French car passed through the city at 12:48 without making any stop.

> ROME, N. Y., February 15.-The German car of the New York to Paris automobile race passed through here at 11:50

SYRACUSE, N. Y., February 15 .- The American car in the New York-to-Paris race registered here at 8:47, going on after a wait of only seven minutes. The As the water rises the serious propor- French car, driven by St. Chaffray, foltions of the flood increase, and it is ex- lowed at 9:20, and the Italian car at 9:55, neither of these stopping to register.

> SCHENECTADY, N. Y., February 13-The French car, driven by Godard, in the New York-to-Paris automobile race arrived here at 9 o'clock and went into a garage for an hour for readjustment of its motor. It proceeded west by the contents of this store were scattered over Erie canal towpath at 10 o'clock.

UTICA, N. Y., February 15 .- The German car on the New York-to-Paris auto- swath several miles long through the mobile tour left this city this morning timber and almost every other obstruction at 8:15 and will continue to follow the on the face of the country. Those who under water this morning as a result of towpath of the Erie canal. Highways have been out in this storm's trail state

NEEDLES A SHARP ONE.

Wife's Funds.

B. Needles, a second-year student in the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, has been missing from his home, 5416 Spruce street, since Wednes-

day morning. His disappearance was reported to the police today by his pretty bride of a few Leaf river is over its banks at this city, months. He left home Wednesday morn- and a rise of three feet above the danger early lecture at the university, and his in the low-lying sections of the city are am being ground to powder. I will rewife had only \$5 with which to meet

"I gave him last August, under compulsion, a draft for \$2,900," said Mrs. Nerdles today, "which represented all the money I had, and which he was to deposit in my name. But he deposited it in his own name instead, never letting me know that he had done so until the

Taft in New England.

Special Dispatch to The Star. The wheat and oil fields in the western NEW YORK, February 15. Secretary part of the county are flooded by the Taft arrived in this city this morning Lieut. Dozas of the Chilean navy. The apprehension, and that if anything had Auglaize. Railway traffic is seriously from West Point, where he yesterday distributed the diplomas to the Military Academy graduating class. He remained town. LEXINGTON. Ky., February 15 .- here only a couple of hours before board-Streams throughout eastern Kentucky ing a train for Hartford. He will make



Village of Mossville, Miss. Almost Wiped Out.

Territory.

LOSS WILL BE OVER \$2,000,000 Not Yet Known Just How Many

People Were Killed, But There Are Several.

MOSSVILLE, Miss., February 15 .- Four whole buildings and two halves of buildterday's tornado. Two old negroes, Alec

Of the dozen other persons painfully injured at this place all are rapidly re- a faithful employe who has grown gray in covering. Reports reaching here from other towns in the tornado's path give not to exceed five other fatalities, only one of which has been confirmed. The buildings left standing here are two residences, a cotton gin and a school house. The buildings which the storm cut in two are the Gulf and Ship Island railroad depot and a residence

Freaks of the Wind.

The stationmaster happened to be in the half of the depot which was left standing and was scarcely disturbed when the other half of his habitation went down in a heap and then flew away

The inhabitants of Mossville claim that their village was scattered at least over four miles of territory, this statement being based on the identification of a hatchet picked up by a farmer four miles from a store in the village. The at least half a mile of ground in the

direction taken by the wind. Sturdy oaks were uprooted in the main streets of the town. The tornado cut a

Death in the Floods.

The towns of Soso and Service were partly wrecked by the same tornado and it is reported that another small town, Enns, was badly damaged.

Owing to swollen streams, washed out bridges and fallen wires few definite retwo children also were killed.

Floods Follow the Storm.

HATTIESBURG, Miss., February 15 .making preparations to move. The railroad wires are down in every

direction as a result of yesterday's storm.

freight cars derailed in a washout twelve miles north of here. Torpedo Boats at Montt.

PUERTO MONTT, Chile, February 15 .-The United States torpedo destroyer no- whatever is attached here to the reports tilla arrived yesterday after a safe and from Vienna that the Shah of Persia had pleasant passage through the channels been assassinated. The charge d'affaires from the Strait of Magellan along the of the Persian legation in London decoast of Chile. It was piloted through by clared today that there was no ground for arrival of the Americans was greeted happened to the shah the legation unwith enthusiasm by the people of the doubtedly would have been notified.

paraiso.

WILL PROBABLY BE DROPPED BID

DEPARTMENT CLERKS. Many Members of the House Will Fight the Provision in the

Legislative Bill. The drastic superannuation provision in the legislative, executive and judicial ap- President of Chile Congratulates propriation bill, the details of which have been published in The Star, is making

enemies every minute. That provision will probably be reached late this afternoon, as the House is working hard on the bill today, and will probably go out in short order. Chairman Tawney of the appropriation ing the retention in the bill of the superannuation clause. Several other mem-

committee will make an argument favorbers of the committee will support the chairman. But a host of other members, including Representative Goulden of New York, who delivered a hot speech on the ings are the only habitable abodes in provision yesterday, have promised to do tion from the measure of this unjust and

the provision will be stricken out. 'Why," said one influential republican, nowadays even the big commercial houses refuse to turn out into the streets the service. It would be more than unin question. It would be cruel and in-

Commissioner Ballinger's Experience In connection with the discussion of the superannuation provision, the statement was made informally on the floor today that R. A. Ballinger, commissioner of the land office, whose resignation has been accepted and who will retire from the service March 4, to take up the practice of law in Seattle, was getting out of the government harness for no other reason than that under a milder form of superannuation clause, which has been in the legislative bill heretofore, he has been unable to do his duty and at the same time preserve his peace of mind. It was said by the member who told this story that Mr. Ballinger was the first man in all the government service to endeavor to conscientiously carry out the terms of even this much milder form of the super-

He proceeded along the line of what he considered his duty and began to dismiss some of the old-time employes under him whom he considered to be incapaci-Buck creek overflowing its banks during are even in worse condition than yes-the night. that the loss may reach several hundred tated for the work they were assigned to thousand dollars. thousand dollars. stand the result of his course of action. "Why." Mr. Ballinger was quoted as saying by the member who told this bless you." story today. "I will resign rather than remain here in this office and have my left here three days ago for the Atlantic nerves racked and my heart wrung by the pitiful stories these old-time employes Service it is known that a small daugh- tell of the poverty and misery that will ter of Isaac Holloway was killed, and it be their lot as a result of demotion and is reported that a man and a woman and dismissal. Many of these aged men and women have come to me, some of them begging and some of them weeping. But, on the other hand. I have taken the oath of office in which I promised to do my duty toward the government to the best of my ability and in a manner for the best interests of the service. I find ing, asserting that he had to attend an line is predicted by tomorrow. Residents myself between the two millstones, and

The Gulf and Ship Island road has fifteen SHAH ASSASSINATION CANARD.

No Credence Attached to the Re-

ports From Vienna. LONDON, February 15.-No credence Puerto Montt is a prosperous Chilean eral telegrams from Teheran last night on

occasioned the rumor.

PROPOSED DISMISSAL OF OLD Admiral Exchanges Messages

GOOD WISHES FROM MONT

With Valparaiso.

Battleships' Commander.

Minister Tells the State Department the Review Was a Great Success-Everybody Happy.

VALPARAISO, February 15 .- Two wireless dispatches have been received from the American Battleship fleet under Rear Admiral Evans, which was reviewed off Val- Raines law hotel at 35th street and 7th these occurrences under present condiparaiso yesterday, after which it con-Before the House met today dozens of tinued on its way to Callao. One is admembers freely voiced the opinion that dressed to Rear Admiral Simpson of the

Chilean navy, and says: begs you to convey to President Montt in | tor of St. Andrew's Church. regard and I hope I will have the pleas- no question about his ability as an arture of meeting you again. I send you my ist and they were positive he was a memgood wishes. EVANS."

Message to Hicks.

The other message is addressed to John Hicks, the American minister, and says: the thanks of the officers and men of my found by the police today. fleet for the many graceful acts of couresy received at the hands of the Chilean government. I am sure the American people fully appreciate them and that they will go far toward cementing the friendship between the two nations.

Admiral Simpson replied to his communication as follows: "Thank you. I am instructed to convey and the officers of the American fleet a hearty farewell and a successful and prosperous voyage.

Passed the Chicago.

Mr. Hicks made the following answer: "I will deliver to President Montt you that any one could have asked for, and I he was overcome with a desire to commit am proud of our fleet. Good-bye and God suicide and became so nervous that he

The American cruiser Chicago, which station, passed the battleship fleet off Constitution. She saluted both admirals, miral Simpson.

a cable message from Mr. Hicks, United States minister to Chile, giving the fol-States battleship fleet to Valparaiso: "Review of American fleet by President Montt this afternoon was grand success. Led by Chacabuco, battleships single filed into harbor, out again. On reaching fort at entrance of harbor, whole fleet fired simultaneous salute and when passing in review, Chilean warship Baquedano, containing presidential party, each ship fired wenty-one guns separately. Day was holiday. weather perfect, thousands of Fatal Train Wreck on B. & O. Road. people lined hills, and shipping in harbor was decorated with bunting. As fleet went out of sight I received Marconi message from Admiral Evans, stating all well and sending message of thanks to Presi-

Spanked His Young Bride.

Special Dispatch to The Star. Persian minister to France received sev- of going out at night, according to his railroad were used to reach Cumberland. own story told in the police court last The Pittsburg limited, westbound, came ing her. The young woman claimed late.

aged spouse had attacked her with a razor, but this he denied. "I tried every way to make her stay home where she belonged, judge," he said, "and when I found there was no other way I turned her over my knee. Yes, sir, it cured her." The magistrate let him off after he had promised not to spank his wife again.

when she swore out the warrant that her

SUICIDE BY HANGING.

Karl Rapp, Wanted in Germany for Arson, Ends Life in Prison Cell. PHILADELPHIA, February 15 .- After

being pursued for more than ten years by detectives, the search taking them three times around the world, Karl Rapp, who was being held here to awalt a further hearing, charged with setting fire to a factory and dwelling in Rosswag. Germany, in 1890, was found dead in his cell at Moyamensing prison today, having committed suicide by hanging himself with strips of bedclothing to the bars of

Rapp was being held pending an investigation, the United States commissioner, before whom he had been arraigned, not being entirely satisfied that his identity had been entirely established. Rapp was arrested in Rochester, Pa., Monday on a warrant obtained by the German ror exists in Washington was consul in this city, charging him with made in the House of Representa-

UNANIMOUS FOR BURTON. Ohio Republicans Renominate Him

to Succeed Himself in Congress. CLEVELAND, Ohio, February 15 .- Representative Theodore E. Burton was unan- in quick call by telephone a regi-Imously renominated by the republicans ment of cavalry and a regiment of of the twenty-first congressional district marines, their services had not today to succeed himself in Congress. No been enlisted to run down the opposition to the nomination developed.

Representative Burton and Judge Fred L. Taft were selected as delegates for the reign of terror in Washington" was the twenty-first district to the national republicant taken today by Representative Sims June. The alternates chosen were Thomas utes' time, during consideration in the W. Fleming and Joseph Carabelli. The House of the legislative appropriation bill. national delegates were instructed to vote It was Mr. Sims who several weeks ago for the nomination of Secretary of War urged that the local police force be in-William H. Taft as the presidential can- creased by one hundred men on the Charles A. Otis was chosen presidential after dark.

elector for the district. FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED.

of York Retired Citizen.

YORK, Pa., February 15 .- David Heckert, aged eighty-five years, a well-to-do policemen, including regular, park, Capiretired citizen of this city, was found dead tol, crossing and special, and was boundin his bed today with his skull crushed. All indications point to murder. Mr. by artillery and on the east by marines. Heckert resided in the business center of the city. Members of the family today recall having heard indistinct calls of murder between 11 and 12 o'clock last

The tragedy is shrouded in mystery, as there is no apparent motive for the murder of the aged man, ounless it was in hope of securing money. There was no evidence of robbery when the body was to do about it?

REPORT RECEIVED FROM HICKS IN SLOUGH OF DESPONI

NEW YORK ARTIST KILLS HIM

SELF BY POISON. Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, February 15 .- Edson L. self with poison in a rear room of a avenue today. years old, had always represented that

he was a member of the old Schermerhorn family of New York, and a nephew of in rare instances, and then not through a "The commander of the Atlantic fleet the Rev. Dr. George R. Vandewater, recthe name of himself, his officers and men Dr. Vandewater said today that the reign of terror almost invariably commit just for Congress to enact the provision the appreciation of the honor he has done suicide artist was no relative of his; that a brutal assault upon the victim, and them by reviewing the fleet off Valparaiso. he had never heard of him. Men who had To this I add expressions of my personal known young Vandewater said there was

> ber of a prominent family. He was "down and out," they said, and was too proud to go to relatives for aid. From a long list of addresses found on Vandewater it was learned that he

the brother. He refused to give further information to the police.

Asked to Be Locked Up.

CHICAGO, February 15 .- "I have had Montt for your good wishes. I and my with a desire to kill myself. For heaven's officers all join in wishing Admiral Evans sake take me in and lock me up."

> Deam, twenty-nine years old, who arrived placed in a cell. Deam said that the moment he stepped into Canal street from the Union station

could not word a telegram which he inhim with the desire that had seized him. Georgia Banker Ends His Life.

JACKSON, Ga., February 15 .- The body the American commander and Rear Ad- of J. R. Carmichael, president of the First National Bank, and owner of a car- from flowing." said the Tennesseean, in riage factory, was found yesterday in conclusion. The Secretary of State today received McCord's mill pond, near here. He had you wish this National capital to be been dead since Thursday night. A note architecturally, but morally as well. Close lowing account of the visit of the United written by Mr. Carmichael was later the saloons and crime will decrease and found in the bank stating that he did not conditions improve in every possible way. commit suicide because of financial troubles, but because he felt that his mind was unbalanced. He asked that the note be posted in the bank window. This was Great Disaster at Havana Happened done. The affairs of the bank are reported to be unaffected. Mr. Carmichael was sixty years old.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

morning. Adam Smith, freight conductor, very difficult situation. Martinsburg, W. Va., was killed and John Jackson, seventy years old, spanked badly wrecked. All tracks were blocked that the Maine had been blown up by a

Weather.

Fair, much colder tonight and

tomorrow.

Representative Speaks on Crime in Washington.

POLICE FORCE INADEQUATE

Tennesseean Declares Officer Is Needed on Every Corner.

SALOONS BLAME

Says City Is Infested With Idle Criminals, Who Are Responsible for Present Conditions.

The charge that a reign of tertives today by Mr. Sims of Tennessee. He referred to the robbery last night in front of the British embassy, spoke of the inadequacy of the police force, and said that although there were withcriminals.

The existence of what he termed "a envention, to be held in Chicago in of Tennessee, when he secured ten ground that women were afraid to go out

In his speech today Mr. Sims, spurred by the robbery last night on Connecticut avenue, declared that not one hundred men, nor two hundred men, could Indications Point to Brutal Murder put a stop to the National Capital's reign of terror. He declared that Washington already had all varieties and species of ed on the west by cavalry, on the south

> A Helpless City. "Any one would think," he declared, "that this armed force, every bit of which is within easy telephone call, would be sufficient to protect Washington from almost anything. And yet the city is absolutely helpless before the conditions of this reign of terror. What are we going

Chairman Tawney of the appropriations committee inquired whether Mr. Sims was arguing that the present force was "Listen, and before I get through you'll find out," rejoined Mr. Sims, without

"Close the saloons," he cried, "and

diverting the current of his remarks.

crime will decrease with startling rapid-He argued that the segregation of the lower classes in certain sections of the city, where low dives, gin mills and grog-geries did a land-office business, was responsible in large measure for the sort of Vandewater, a young artist to whom suc- crimes that have contributed to bring cess had been slow in coming, killed him- about the present conditions, which he again referred to as "a reign of terror. "I don't believe it is possible to prevent tions." said Mr. Sims, "with less than Vandewater, who was only twenty-two one policeman on every corner. These assaults are not committed by professional pickpockets. The professional pickpocket robs, but does not injure his victim except fiendish and brutal desire to cause pain and to see blood flow. But the class of negroes who have caused Washington's

> usually the victim is a woman. What Is Congress Going to Do Again Mr. Sims demanded to know what Congress was going to do about it. and answered his own question by stating that the only remedy was to close the sa-

"An addition to the local police force of lived with a family named Davis at 270 one hundred men might serve to prevent "I beg you to express to President Montt | West 123d street. There his brother was some of these crimes, but it could not possibly prevent all," he declared. "The negro "I will take charge of the body." said thug who lays in wait for an unprotected and defenseless woman is always on the watch, as well, for a policeman. And when he commits the assault the victim is usually rendered unconscious, and the crime is ended so quickly that there is not no financial troubles, no love disappoint- only no time for prevention, but no chance of apprehending the offender.

'Crime is increasing in the District at health is good, but if you do not lock me a fearful rate." continued Mr. Simms up I'll have to kill myself. Since early "And, what is more, this increase cannot to you the personal thanks of President this morning I have been overwhelmed be accounted for by the increase in population, although, to be sure, there has been an increase in the population and none in the police force. But there was This was the plea made at the Maxwell an increase of 3,000 arrests in the District street police station last night by William of Columbia last year, and, although the negro population of the District is only approximately one-third of the white, the in Chicago from Philadelphia. He was arrests of negroes for disorderly conduct in the past year outnumber the white by

Due to Criminal Class.

"The trouble is a low class of idle criminals is coming here to Washington and tended sending to his father to acquaint hanging around the saloons, where they get filled with vile compounds which they purchase for 15 and 25 cents a pint. And the segregation of the lower element in this city accelerates this condition. "Stop the blood of innocent females "Close the saloons. For, if

MAINE MEMORIAL DAY.

medel, it must not only be a model city

Just Ten Years Ago.

Special Dispatch to The Star. NEW YORK, February 15 .- Ten years ago today the United States battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor. CUMBERLAND, Md., February 15 .- The anniversary of this event closely fol-A rear-end collision between two extra lows that of the late President McKinfreights occurred on the Baltimore and ley's birthday. Soon after the destruc-Ohio railroad near Paw Paw, W. Va., tion of the battleship President McKinley twenty-five miles east of Cumberland, this found himself called upon to handle a

Events followed swiftly upon the ex-ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., February 15.— about twenty cars and one engine were March 22 the naval court of inquiry found A telegram received from Paris says the his nineteen-year-old bride to cure her and the tracks of the Western Maryland submarine mine: on April 25, 1898, the official declaration of war on Spain came from Washington, and by Independence Streams throughout eastern Kentucky ing a train for Hartford. He will make town on Tenglo Island, a few miles off ordinary business, and that no mention own story told in the police court last the Pittsburg limited, westbound, came day the Spanish navy had been destroyed, are rising rapidly as a result of the four- several speeches in New England next the coast, about 600 miles south of Val- was made of any incident that could have west of Santiago.